



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of January 13, 2005

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Frank Scarsella	<u>X</u>	Brenden Johnson	___	Chris Deane	<u>X</u>
Dan Glover	___	Bill Grady	___	Mark Ottele	<u>X</u>
Gill McNabb	<u>X</u>	Jim Spaid	<u>X</u>	Terry Mattson	<u>X</u>
Larry Eik	<u>X</u>	Jeff Peterson	___	Mike Morishige	<u>X</u>
Ken Stone	___	Kyle Zender	___	Bob Glenn	___
Al Dyer	<u>X</u>				

Minutes of December 9, 2004

Distributed and reviewed copies, no comments or revisions were made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings

The Administration Team is scheduled to meet on January 14, 2005.

The Structures Team has not scheduled their next meeting.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Section 8-01.3, Treatment of pH for concrete work – A copy of this draft specification was distributed at the last meeting. Jim Spaid noted that no work had been done to follow up on concerns raised at the meeting. Among concerns was when the provision would be applied, would there be a threshold amount of concrete in the project before a pH treatment plan would be required. Another question was related to the plan itself – could this be part of the SPCC plan or erosion control plan? Jim will pursue these issues for future consideration.

Environmental Compliance – a draft copy of the Environmental Compliance specification was distributed for review and comment. The intention of this specification is to assure that environmental items are planned for, coordinated and addressed through pro-active behavior. WSDOT and the AGC are in the process of developing a new training course “Environmental Compliance Training for Construction Inspection”.

A discussion followed regarding the measurement for the Environmental Compliance Lead. It was decided to include documentation in the list of duties of the Environmental Compliance Lead and that the measurement of a “day” for pay would include submitting a report of the “day’s” activities. Because of the nature and importance of assuring compliance throughout the project, payment for performing the duties will include any calendar day that the duties are required and performed.

Incentive for Environmental Success – A copy of the Incentive for Environmental Success special provision was distributed for review. Jim noted that this specification has been developed as a way to ensure and reward positive environmental behavior with highway construction.

A question was asked about the checklist and project inspection for completing the checklist. Jim pointed out that inspection will be performed by Department personnel, possibly including folks from either region or headquarters environmental offices.

A concern was voiced that the incentive is currently tied directly to days, but should instead be tied to exposure and impact. A comment was also made that we should take another look at how the incentive is weighed.

Jim pointed out that the incentive specification has already been reviewed and accepted by the department, industry, and the AG’s office. It will be implemented on a trial basis, along with the Environmental Compliance Lead specification, this year, and revised as need be for further use.

Concrete Barriers – Proposed changes to Sections 6-10, 6-13, and 6-14 were considered at the last meeting. The changes related to adding a reference to Section 2-09 for measurement and payment for structure excavation, and changing some of the terminology in the specification to match that used in the Standard Plans. These changes will be included in the next release of amendments.

New Business

GPS Use by Contractors – Al Dyer led a discussion on GPS grade control for use on construction equipment. He asked if Contractors plan to utilize this new technology and what they may need from the Department if they do implement this change. The general discussion that followed indicated that Contractors were not ready to change at this time, but did ask to leave this item open for future discussion.

Section 6-13 and 6-14, Structural Earth Walls and Geo-Synthetic Retaining Walls – Jim distributed copies of Standard Specifications for these sections. He noted that the restrictions that prohibits using the slip-form method of barrier construction is being removed. The Department is also reviewing the backfill restrictions in both of these Sections; these restrictions may also be removed from the Specification.

Environmental Provisions - Jim distributed a draft copy of the “Permit conditions require WSDOT to Keep Water Clean” paper. This paper focuses on ways to perform quality construction while still maintaining environmental compliance. These are early brainstorming ideas from the Water Quality Section. Input from the Roadway Team is being sought with the development of Special Provisions that allow us to operate more predictably. Jim noted that this would be ongoing work. (A copy of the paper is

attached.) WSDOT is attempting to develop specification and special provisions that will fulfill requirements of permit conditions that are typically including in various types of projects. Comments on these early brainstorm ideas are welcome at any time.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, February 17, 2005 and Thursday March 17, 2005** at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am**.